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TOW LAW
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH
for the
Year Ended 31st December, 1957.

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS
OF THE COUNCIL

Medical Officer of Health - G. A. MACGREGOR, M.D., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector - J. B. KELLY, D.P.A.(Dunelm.,) D.M.A., A.R.S.H.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946


Part 3 - Services Administered by Durham County Council.

Part 21 - Health Centres No Action.

Section 22 - Care of Mothers and Young Children A Maternity and Child Welfare Centre operates in the Mechanics Institute, Tow Law, at fortnightly intervals. Attendances continue to be high in proportion to the population served.

Section 23 - Midwifery Regular visits are made by the Health Visitor.

Section 28 - Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care Arrangements are in force and are well patronised, serving an urgent need in many instances.



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ANNUAL REPORT - 1957

CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Population (Registrar General's Estimate - Mid Year)	3,120
Area (In Acres)	...	...	477
Number of Inhabited Houses (Mid 1957)	...	...	1,237
Rateable Value (Mid 1957)	...	...	£16,401
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	£69. 0s. 9d.

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	57	27	30
Illegitimate	<u>11</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>58</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>31</u>
Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	...	...	18.6
General Birth Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	16.1
<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	3	3	-
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>
Rate per 1,000 (live and still)...	...	...	19.6

<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	<u>40</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>15</u>
Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	...	...	12.8
Death Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	11.5

Deaths from Puerperal Causes

Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	Nil
Other Puerperal Causes	...	...	Nil

Deaths of Infants under one year of age

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	
Legitimate	1	-	1	
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 births				17.24
Infantile Mortality Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	...	23.0
Deaths from Cancer	...	...	...	7
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	-
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years)	...	...	...	-
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	-

Table of Birth and Death Rates for the Past 6 years

Year	Death Rate	Infantile Death Rate Under 1 year	Birth Rate
1952	11.05	37.9	24.95
1953	17.17	28.5	22.26
1954	11.42	20.8	15.2
1955	10.83	16.95	18.79
1956	14.64	15.62	20.38
1957	12.81	17.24	18.6

CAUSES OF DEATHS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	-	-
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	2
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	5
18. Coronary disease, angina	6	2
19. Hypertension with heart disease ...	-	1
20. Other heart diseases	2	2
21. Other circulatory diseases	3	-
22. Influenza	1	-
23. Pneumonia	1	1
24. Bronchitis	2	1
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	1	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-
29. Hyperplasia and prostate	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	1
33. Motor accidents	-	-
34. All other accidents	-	-
35. Suicide	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war ...	-	-
	<u>25</u>	<u>15</u>

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Measles	46	-	-
Whooping Cough	30	-	-
Pneumonia	4	-	-
Peurperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-
Tuberculosis (non-P)	1	-	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	3	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-

The following Table shows the number of cases notified and deaths recorded from Diphtheria and Scarlet fever during the past 6 years.

YEAR	DIPHTHERIA		SCARLET FEVER	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1952	-	-	6	-
1953	-	-	8	-
1954	-	-	29	-
1955	-	-	2	-
1956	-	-	1	-
1957	-	-	2	-

NOTIFIED DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1957

The following table gives the incidence of Notifiable Diseases during the year

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TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

COMPARATIVE TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR RECENT YEARS

YEAR	NEW CASES						DEATHS					
	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1952	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1953	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1954	2	-	2	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
1955	-	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
1956	2	2	4	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1957	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

